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Letter dated 22 July 2009 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID), which was established by Security Council resolution 1769 (2007) and whose mandate was extended by resolution 1828 (2008).

As you are aware, in its presidential statement of 19 December 2006 (S/PRST/2006/55), the Security Council endorsed the communiqué of the 66th meeting of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union, which states that the Force Commander of UNAMID shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission in consultation with the United Nations Secretary-General.

Following consultations with the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, I would like to inform you of my agreement with the Chairperson's appointment of Lieutenant General Nyamvumba (Rwanda) as Force Commander of UNAMID with effect from 1 September 2009. Lieutenant General Nyamvumba succeeds General Martin Luther Agwai, who has served as Force Commander of UNAMID since the establishment of the Mission. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to General Agwai for his exemplary service during his tenure in UNAMID.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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